

SILVER COMMITTEE MAKES HEADWAY AT ITS FIRST MEETING

GLOBE, April 7.—Enthusiastically discussing ways and means of bringing about some arrangements where by the silver mining industry of this district might be revived and in being revived furnish numerous men at present unemployed with work, the committee on silver mining, consisting of F. A. Woodward, chairman, Henry V. Snell, John Turpin, and Dan Rose, as appointed by Judge Walter S. Shibley, met in its first regular session yesterday morning at the Dominion hotel.

A. G. Smith, of the Cochise County State Bank of Benson, in addressing the committee, stated that in all probability the Benson smelter would resume operations immediately, provided that sufficient ore could be sent there to warrant its doing so.

Martin Fishback, general manager of the smelter, it was announced, would be in the district Friday evening and Saturday, and with a view to discussing the matter with him, the committee decided to call another meeting for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the superior court room. All interested in silver mining, and all silver property owners of the district are urged to be present at this meeting.

John Turpin and Dan Rose were then appointed a subcommittee whose duty it will be to interview the silver property owners of the district in order to ascertain the quantity of ore in sight, its approximate value, distance from the railroad, and other pertinent points. A report will be made by this subcommittee at the meeting to be held Saturday.

Considerable discussion was made on the question of establishing a sampling center, where the ores from the various properties might be sampled and assayed.

Senator Woodward announced that he had written to the officials of both the smelters at El Paso, and Pueblo, Colo., to secure their rates, and other relevant information.

WOMAN SUES FOR \$50,000 FOR DEATH OF HUSBAND

PRESCOTT, April 7.—Jessie M. Lund, formerly Jessie M. Chapman, administratrix for the estate of Jas. A. Chapman, deceased, filed suit in the superior court this morning against the Arizona Binghamton Copper company of Stoddard, for \$50,000 for the death of her husband, Arthur T. La Prade is her counsel. The complaint alleges that on July 12, 1919, Mike Baker and Harry A. Dickson were given a contract with the copper company and on July 16, 1919, Chapman was included in the contract. The contract called for the completion of an upraise in the shaft of the company from within 130 above the 600-foot level to the 400-foot level of the mine. The copper company previously had constructed the upraise for the 130 feet about the 600-foot level, and the complaint alleges it was weak and unsafe, due to timbers of insufficient strength being used, and that the company gave the contractors no warning of the danger. On the morning of July 16, 1919, Dickson and Chapman proceeded to climb the ladder from the 600-foot level to work on the upraise, Dickson being ahead of Chapman on the ladder. When about 50 feet from the 600-foot level the rungs of the ladder gave way under the weight of Dickson's body and he fell, his body being precipitated against Chapman. Chapman fell the 50 feet to the 600-foot level with Dickson on top of him and was so severely injured he died within a few hours. Chapman was 30 years old at the time of his death and was earning \$7 a day as a miner.

VILLASENOR IS FREED FROM NOGALES PRISON

TUCSON, April 8.—No longer will visitors at Nogales, Sonora, have to go to jail to see the mayor. He is a free man again. The central Mexican government ordered his release from jail and his friends held a celebration of the event yesterday. Mayor Villaseñor was reinstated, too.

The mayor's sojourn at the jail dates back to last November when he was arrested by Mexican federal authorities, charged with being responsible for the illegal delivery of Modesto Martinez to Tucson police officers. Martinez was charged with killing Tal Bon, a Chinaman here. After the killing he went to Mexico, was captured by Sonora police and delivered to Tucson officers on the verbal order of Mayor Villaseñor. It was charged.

The chief of police of Nogales and the police corporal were arrested in connection with the case, but later released. The mayor had refused to permit his friends to intercede in his behalf. The mayor made the assertion that he "would rot in jail" rather than go out until he had been fully vindicated. He claimed that he had nothing to do with the turning over of the Mexican to the Tucson officers.

Miss Matia McClelland, well known Tombstone girl, and formerly a member of the Prospector office force, now attending the University, is recognized as a writer and poet by the editor of the Arizona Wildcat, official organ of the student body of the University.

The following poem by Miss McClelland, entitled "Spring in Arizona," appeared in a conspicuous place in a recent issue of the Wildcat:

SPRING IN ARIZONA.

The cottonwoods are filled with feathered songsters;
The sage is sending out a new perfume;
The ocotilla blazes on the hillside;
The sun is getting warmer at the noon;
The sagebrush land is filled with tiny flowers;
The little wildfins sing a hurtful tune—
It isn't like the spring of old New England,
But it's about the sweetest spring I've known.

The yuccas point their spottless spikes to Heaven;
The doves begin to croon a lover's song;
The paloverde glows in the arroyos;
The little breeze is stirring all day long;
The air is humming tho' someone were tuning
The whole wide world all ready for a song—
It isn't like the spring in California,
But it's the fairest spring that's come along.

The mountain tops are getting deeper purple;
The land is slowly turning dusky green;
The heart of man is tuned to new adventure;
To search for things that he has never seen;
The heart of Nature, throbbing in the desert,
Casts out all that is coarse and base and mean;
It isn't like the spring elsewhere 'neath Heaven,
But it's the spring sublime; the spring supreme.

RECLAMATION BODY AFTER LEGISLATION

PHOENIX, April 8.—Frank W. Brown, secretary of the Western States Reclamation association, of which Arizona is a member, has forwarded to the chamber of commerce here a members' bulletin relating some of the activities of the association which was formed to obtain legislation which will increase reclamation projects throughout the western states.

The response to the request made by the president of the association to legislatures of the western states, that they pass memorials to congress asking for favorable action on reclamation legislation, has been gratifying in the extreme, according to the bulletin, which states: "While a positive check has not been made it is found that many of the legislative bodies enthusiastically and quickly have passed memorials and it is certain that they are having a good effect."

Other plans of promoting the aims of the reclamation association are outlined in the bulletin. Among them is the formation of a special committee to prepare reclamation legislation, consisting of nine members among whom is Congressman Hayden, of Arizona. Plans are being formed by the association for extensive educational propaganda, including editorial series and feature stories on reclamation which are to be published throughout the country.

He was taken to Phoenix, this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Harry Rafferty, accompanied by the sister of Rock, who came here from California to attend her brother.

This morning also an aged man named John Toner, who was found at Benson Monday by Deputy Sheriff Billy Bennett in a demented condition, was committed to the state asylum for treatment. Toner, who said he was from Bakerfield, was attempting to disrobe in the heart of the business district in Benson when taken into custody, but today at the hearing he seemed to be rational, although his condition is due to venereal disease, which he contracted many years ago, he told the doctors.

PHOENIX DANCE HALLS ORGANIZE TO FIGHT

PHOENIX, April 7.—County Attorney R. E. L. Shepherd today denied that he had changed his attitude regarding enforcement of a state law forbidding operation of public dance halls. Dance hall proprietors previously had issued a statement saying that Mr. Shepherd had consented to operations of the halls so long as they were properly conducted.

Mr. Shepherd's announcement of his stand was contained in a letter to M. L. Stewart, superintendent of the local Law Enforcement league. It read as follows:

Wish to say that my attitude on the enforcement of section 211 of the penal code of Arizona has not changed; that I still stand for the enforcement of that section, but that as long as the owners of the dance halls make them clubs and invitation affairs, I am powerless to act in their matter as there is no state law covering the same."

Since Mr. Shepherd began his campaign against public dance halls, nearly every hall in the city has organized or started to organize a club to control the hall.

DOUGLAS PIONEER DIES

R. A. Millich, a pioneer resident of Douglas and well known in Cochise county, died Tuesday in a hospital in El Paso following an operation, according to information received here. Millich left valuable property in Douglas. Before he died he asked that his body be shipped to Douglas, and funeral services will be held in that city.

FEDERAL COURT DATES

PHOENIX, April 7.—The United States district court for the district of Arizona will begin sitting in Phoenix on Monday, April 18. It was announced today. At that time the petit jury will be called. On April 19, the grand jury will be called. April 18 also will be law and motion day, and naturalization cases will be taken up on the following day.

RETIRING PITTMAN ACT CERTIFICATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—The Treasury has begun the retirement of the special Treasury certificates of indebtedness issued to secure Federal Reserve Bank notes under the Pittman Act approved April 23, 1918. Pittman Act certificates to the amount of \$5,000,000 were retired on February 28, 1921, out of the general fund and \$5,000,000 additional were similarly retired on March 29th. The Treasury expects to continue to retire Pittman Act certificates not required to secure issues of Federal Reserve Bank notes at the rate of about \$5,000,000 per month. Pursuant to the terms of the Pittman Act, the Treasury is also coining into standard silver dollars the silver bullion purchased under the Act. Silver certificates will be issued in regular course against the standard silver dollars so coined and Federal Reserve bank notes and Pittman Act certificates pledged to secure them will be retired in corresponding amounts. Pittman Act certificates to the amount of \$2,000,000 have been retired up to March 31, 1921, as the result of the coining of standard silver dollars. This means that the total amount of Pittman Act certificates outstanding has been reduced from \$259,375,000 on December 31, 1920 to \$247,375,000 on March 31, 1921.

Contrary to erroneous reports that have been circulated, the Pittman Act under which the government is buying silver from American mines at \$1.00 an ounce, is not a measure to give the silver mines a bonus. During the war, when silver rose above \$1.30 an ounce, our government melted down several hundred million of our silver dollars and sold the metal to England at \$1.00 an ounce. The act provided that later the U. S. government should use the money thus received to buy back from American miners, who had been deprived of this high market, silver at the same price of a dollar an ounce. It is this act and the buying under it that is preventing a shutdown of American silver mines today and it is not costing the taxpayers or the government one cent as the money England paid is being turned back into American silver at an equal price.

WAR VETERAN TAKEN TO STATE HOSPITAL

Following examination by Drs. H. H. Hughes and G. T. Fuller, before Judge James in Department 2 of the Superior Court this morning, John Rock, Bismarck war veteran, was committed to the state hospital at Phoenix on advice received from the district supervisor at San Francisco, Dr. G. H. Fitzgerald, government physician stationed at Bismarck yesterday received a telegram from the supervisor of District 12 at San Francisco, that the government did not have a hospital for the insane in this district and therefore all such patients are confined to state institutions and he advised that Rock be confined to the Arizona institution, the government to pay all costs, having a contract with the state hospital for such cases. In view of the advice Judge James ordered the patient taken to Phoenix for treatment until the government will be able to take care of the patient in one of its own institutions.

A force of 175 men now is employed in the work, Mr. Brown stated, and a thin the next two weeks this will be increased to 225 workmen, going on in double shifts. The double shift method was started Tuesday to speed up the work as it is hoped to have the dam ready to hold water by next September.

The diversion dam, for which \$500,000 was appropriated by congress, is being put in across the Gila river ten miles above Florence near the Piestation on the Arizona Eastern line. The dam is 800 feet long and eighteen feet above the water line. When completed it will provide irrigation water for Florence, Casa Grande and some of the Sacaton reservation land, supplying in all about 65,000 acres of land.

Mr. Brown stated that notice has been received from Washington that an additional appropriation of \$800,000 became available April 1 for the construction of twenty-three miles of canals from the dam toward Sacaton and Casa Grande. With the funds available, Mr. Brown said, actual construction work on the canal system will start within the next two months. Preparations for it are now being made, he said. The canal system is an auxiliary system of the dam and included in the Florence diversion project. It will be necessary, Mr. Brown said, for the Casa Grande water users to organize a Water Users' association to complete about fourteen miles of canal which is not to be provided for in the government appropriation.

PRESIDENT THANKS ARIZONA ASSEMBLY

PHOENIX, April 5.—J. M. K. Redmond, assistant secretary of state, yesterday received a letter from President Harding conveying his appreciation of a certain resolution adopted by the Fifth legislature, commending the president for his selection of Sen. A. B. Fall to be secretary of the interior. The president desired Mr. Redmond to make known his appreciation to the members of the legislature.

Though no reference is made to that in his letter, the president probably is more appreciative of the fact that one branch of the legislature which commended this official act is Democratic, while the other is Republican only by the slenderest of majorities.

TEMPE MAN TOO LARGE FOR TAXI; WEIGHS OVER 400 LBS.

PHOENIX, April 6.—Traveling in the most sumptuous Pullman means discomfort to T. A. Bell, of Tempe. Bell weighs just 440 pounds. He can't find room enough in a chair or berth. Bell, who passed through Phoenix enroute to St. Louis several days ago has just arrived there, according to reports to local friends. And he had to sit up three nights in a smoking compartment. Bell joined a circus at St. Louis.

He is 26 years old, six feet tall and married. Three years ago he weighed but 400 pounds but about that time he began to "take on flesh," he says. His mother weighed 340 pounds, but his father was normal. Bell wears an 87-inch belt and eats six eggs for breakfast. Railroad men said that he is as jolly as he is fat and smiles at all discomforts.

He is too large to ride in taxicabs. He hopes that the circus will provide him a baggage car so he can get some sleep when he travels.

PHOENIX—Half million paving program for next twelve months recommended.

PROGRESS IS MADE ON FLORENCE DAM

PHOENIX, April 8.—With the weeks of actual construction work already put on the Florence diversion dam, the excavation is half finished and is expected to be completed by the first of May when pouring of concrete, the final step in construction, will be started, according to Dee Brown, assistant to the engineer in charge of the project. Mr. Brown was in Phoenix Tuesday taking care of some machinery purchases to be used in the dam work.

Those present as representatives of their respective counties at the meeting yesterday were: Dwight R. Heard, Maricopa; A. J. Chandler, Maricopa; O. C. Parker, Pima; K. L. Hart, Pima; T. G. Norris, Yavapai; J. G. Keating, Pinal; Fred Garing, Cochise; C. M. Roberts, Cochise, and C. A. Marsh, Yuma.

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BODY OF NEGRO TROOPER FOUND

BISBEE, April 7.—The body of a negro trooper of Ft. Huachuca, who had been shot three times with a .45 calibre army pistol, was found yesterday afternoon buried in the sand in a wash near the "White City," but on the military reservation. The body, had been covered over hastily with sand, but the feet were left exposed. The shooting apparently occurred Tuesday night.

Three Mexicans were arrested yesterday and held in custody at the fort in connection with the shooting. However, according to reports from Ft. Huachuca, it is believed that the killing was done by a fellow trooper or troopers. A bottle of tequila partly emptied, was found near the scene of the shooting.

As the killing occurred on the military reservation the matter will be investigated by the officers at the fort. Harry Rafferty, deputy sheriff at Tombstone, assisted in the investigation yesterday.

SCHEARER HELD FOR INSANITY HEARING

TUCSON, April 6.—George Schearer was arrested by Captain Holloway and Officer Summers early yesterday morning and is held by the county on an insanity charge. Schearer recently received considerable attention as a result of attempting suicide, taking bichloride of mercury tablets in a local pool hall and narrowly escaping death after deciding that he no longer wished to live.

CHURCH CONVENTION OPENS

PHOENIX, April 7.—The thirteenth annual convention of the Christian churches of Arizona began in the local church of that denomination tonight. The address of welcome of the delegates was delivered by J. D. Loper, superintendent of schools in Phoenix, and the response was made by Mrs. Theresa C. Bennett, of Winslow. G. H. Berry, of Tucson, president of the state organization, also delivered an address tonight.

ROBERTS REPRESENTS COUNTY AT HIGHWAY MEET; WILL TRY FOR CONVENTION IN PHOENIX

A move to bring the 1922 convention of the Bankhead Highway Association to Phoenix was started at a meeting of the board of directors of the Arizona Good Roads association yesterday in the chamber of commerce building at Phoenix. J. G. Keating, A. J. Chandler and Dwight R. Heard were appointed as a committee to work out plans with a view to bring the convention to the capital city.

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STONE DERAILED CAR CARRYING SECTION CREW

PRESCOTT, April 8.—A stone lying on the Santa Fe bridge over Bitter creek, on the Clarkdale branch, caused the serious injury of two section hands who were driving over the trestle in a railroad motor car Saturday.

Detailed when one of its wheels struck the stone lying on one of the rails in the middle of the bridge, the car jumped from the trestle and dropped 20 feet to the creek bed below, pinning two of its occupants, Ascension Rosales and Julio Contreras, beneath it. Several other men who were riding on the car at the time escaped without injury.

ESCAPED BURGLAR CAUGHT AT HOME IN TUCSON

TUCSON, March 30.—Francisco Romero, 29 years old, a burglar who escaped from the Florence state penitentiary a few days ago while acting as trustee, was recaptured Monday night by Sheriff Ben C. Daniels at his home here. After Romero made his sensational escape from the state prison, the authorities sent pictures and messages to every sheriff in the state. Upon receiving his description Sheriff Daniels learned that Romero was at his home and went there expecting a battle. After watching the house carefully he decided to enter. He and his deputies found their man ready for supper. Romero will be returned to the state prison in a few days.

MEXICAN SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN HIT BY AUTO YESTERDAY

BISBEE, April 8.—Manuel Quera, 12 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Quera, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when he was run over on Brewery Gulch by an auto driven by Lewis Pierce, negro. The boy was removed to the C. & A. hospital, where it was reported late last night that he had not regained consciousness. Pierce said that the boy ran out suddenly from an alley near the Silver Leaf Club and was in front of the car before he, Pierce, could stop it. Pierce was held in custody pending the outcome of the boy's injuries and an investigation of the accident.

JOB HUNTERS ON INCREASE AT TUCSON

TUCSON, April 3.—More than the usual number of unemployed persons have called at the Chamber of Commerce the latter part of the past week in search for jobs. The majority of these are transients. Among the number are comparatively few skilled workers.

Several miners have come here in search of work during the last few days. One man who asked for a job Saturday said that he had but \$1.50. He had sent his wife and children to relatives in California, he said.

The annual movement of workers eastward also is responsible for many unemployed passing through at present. Acting Secretary Condon believes. This class seems to be more inclined to travel than to work.

PROMINENT BUFFALO MAN STRICKEN HERE

PHOENIX, April 7.—John Hughes, Buffalo capitalist, and for 17 years a winter resident of Phoenix, died Friday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Victor Hanny of 1032 North Third street. The widow and Mrs. Hanny left last evening for the east, accompanying the body to Buffalo, where funeral services will be held on Thursday.

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DIRECTORS OF C. & A. ARRIVE FOR MEETING

DOUGLAS, April 8.—Four more directors of the Calumet & Arizona Mining company arrived last night to attend the meeting of the directors to be held in Bisbee Monday. Included in the party are Gordon R. Campbell, secretary, George Newett, director and editor of the Iron Ore; Capt. William B. Mereson and Floyd Augustine, director of the New Cornelia.

Mr. Campbell said he was too tired after his long journey from Calumet, Mich., to be interviewed on the copper situation. He said he was optimistic over the future of the copper industry, but how soon the silver lining would show through the dark clouds he was in no position to say.

"For some reason or other, perhaps no one is to blame, perhaps we are to blame, a huge surplus of copper is on hand," he said. "It is up to the copper users to take this off our hands at a reasonable price before we can expect a return to normal conditions in the copper industry."

Mr. Campbell asserted that state taxes were the greatest handicap to the copper producing companies of the state, declaring that the working man paid for them in the long run.

Mr. Campbell refused to intimate what the Calumet and Arizona smelter intended to do in regard to continuing or shutting down. The board of directors will decide this question at the annual meeting to be held April 11, but until then any one in Douglas knew as much about it as he did, Mr. Campbell said.

PRISONER SHOT IN THE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE GUARD

DOUGLAS, April 7.—Private Samuel Kotler, a prisoner at Camp Harry J. Jones, was shot yesterday afternoon while trying to escape, by the guard in charge. He was removed to the station hospital where it was reported his chances for recovery are favorable. Kotler was a one-year man and had only two months more to serve. His home is in Newark, N. J., and he is the son of Samuel Kotler. He was under a charge of insubordination.

While working on the scales at the quartermaster's department and while the guard's attention was momentarily distracted, Kotler made a break and started running towards a freight train that was just moving out. The guard, an expert marksman, fired, the bullet entering the side and lodging in the abdomen.

Both the sentry and the injured man are members of H troop, First cavalry.

TWO STATE OFFICERS MAROONED ON DESERT

PHOENIX, April 5.—To be marooned on the desert, miles from assistance on a dark and stormy night was the unpleasant experience of Miss Elsie Teles, state superintendent of public instruction, and W. J. Galbraith, attorney general, Sunday evening.

Both were returning from Florence in Mr. Galbraith's machine following a strenuous two days spent in examining applicants for parole. In attempting to find his way at the junction of two roads, Galbraith backed the car into a ditch where it stuck in the soft mud. All efforts to get the car out on its power proved unavailing, and several hours of unpleasant delay were spent before help could be obtained from a Florence garage.

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Slight injuries were suffered by him Saturday when he was an occupant of the car driven by Jimmy Rand, which collided with a truck on North Stone avenue. Acquaintances of the arrested man declare he has for a time shown symptoms of insanity. The arrest was made at the Southern Pacific depot.